THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the estimates of Sample Registration System (SRS), Registrar General of India, the impact of the Family Planning measures taken are as follows:

Year	Total Fertility Rate	Crude Birth Rate
1975	4.7	31.8
1990	3.2	27.6
1999	2.5	21.5
2001	N.A.	21.2

According to the National Family Health Survey (1998-99) about 31% of the couples have adopted the terminal method of contraception in Punjab.

(c) and (d) The Government has introduced an advance version of Intra Uterine Device Cu. T 380A, which remains effective for ten years and Emergency Contraceptives Pills.

Cancer patients in the country

2524. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cancer is increasing continuously at an alarming rate in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to provide economical treatment to the weaker sections;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to establish more Radiation Cobalt Units to fulfil the necessities of urban and rural areas in the country in order to provide economical treatment to weaker sections; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The information about trends in cancer occurrence in India is available from the data of Population Based Cancer Registries functioning under the National Cancer Registry Programme of ICMR. This data does not indicate any significant increase in the incidence rate of cancer of all sites combine together.

(b) Besides Government run hospitals and Medical Colleges Hospitals, 20 Regional Cancer Centres have been recognised under the National Cancer Control Programme where treatment to poor patients is available either free of cost or at nominal cost.

(c) and (d) Though the Government on its own does not set up Cobalt Units, the Central Government under the National Cancer Control Programme has a scheme for providing one time grant-in-aid of Rs. 1.50 crores to Government Hospitals for setting up of Cobalt Therapy Units. In addition the Central Government under the National Cancer Control Programme also provides a one time grant-in-aid of Rs. 2.00 crore to Government Medical College Hospital for strengthening of their Oncology Wings under which Cobalt Therapy Units can also be set up.

Spread of AIDS in the country

2525. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to control the rapidly increasing cases of AIDS in the country;

(b) the names of other South Asian Countries besides India where AIDS is increasing rapidly; and

(c) the quantum of money and other assistance given to India by WHO to control the increasing cases of AIDS during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) In order to prevent and control the spread of HIV/AIDS in India, Government of India has launched a comprehensive Programme, currently under implementation throughout the country as a centrally sponsored scheme with the following components:-

- Preventive interventions for high risk populations through targeted interventions adopting a multi-pronged strategy including peer counseling and behaviour change communication.